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THIS IS A SITUATION SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE SINO-LAOTIAN BORDER FROM 10 NOV TO 15 NOV. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A COLLATION OF REPORTS FROM A NUMBER OF HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES.

CHINA

1. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT AN AIRFIELD AT THE NE EDGE OF SSU-MAO (22-47N 100-58E). AIRFIELD REPORTEDLY HAS AN APPROXIMATELY 4,800 FT NNW/SSE PROBABLY CRUSHED STONE, SERVICEABLE RUNWAY. FACILITIES REPORTED INCLUDE A PARKING APRON AND AN ADMINISTRATION BLDG WITH CONTROL TOWER. NO AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

2. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT AN EXTENSIVE MILITARY COMPLEX AT THE TOWN OF SSU-MAO (22-47N 100-59E). COMPLEX REPORTEDLY CONTAINS APRX 300 BARRACKS, 50 MESS HALLS, 100 MISC BLDGS, LARGE SECURED MOTOR POOL, AND A WALLED PROBABLE MILITARY SCHOOL WITH APRX 25 BARACKS AND 15 MISC BLDGS. A TRAINING AREA WITH 3 SMALL ARMS FIRING RANGES IS REPORTEDLY LOCATED AT THE SE EDGE OF THE COMPLEX. TWO UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN AAA SITES ARE REPORTED TO BE LOCATED EAST OF TOWN. APRX 50 VEHICLES WERE REPORTED WITHIN THE COMPLEX DURING THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

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3. REPORTS INDICATE A LARGE MILITARY BARACKS AREA LOCATED ON THE NAN-MENG HO (RIVER), APRX 2 NM NORTH OF SHUANG CHIANG AT 23-30N 099-50E. AREA REPORTEDLY CONTAINS APRX 150 BARRACKS AND 80 MISC BLDGS. A LARGE TRAINING AREA WAS REPORTED IN THE HILLS TO THE EAST. NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

4. SOURCES INDICATE A LARGE BARRACKS AREA LOCATED JUST WEST OF MENG-LA (21-28N 101-34E) COMPRISING 3 SUB-AREAS CONTAINING A TOTAL OF ONE LARGE ADMINISTRATION-TYPE BLDG AND APRX 130 BARRACKS AND STORAGE BLDGS. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES WERE NOTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

5. SOURCES STATE THAT A MILITARY CAMP IS LOCATED APRX .5 NM SOUTH OF MENG MANG AT 21-18N 101-18E. CAMP REPORTEDLY CONTAINS 10 BARRACKS, A MESS HALL AND AN ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

6. ADDITIONAL SOURCES CONFIRM ITEMS 3 AND 4 AS REPORTED IN THE SITUATION SUMMARY OF 8 TO 14 NOV.

7. ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON THE BRIDGE REPORTED IN SITUATION SUMMARY OF 8 TO 14 NOV, AS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE MEKONG RIVER AT NA-PAN (22-00N 100-48E) INDICATE THAT 9 PIERS AND 3 ABUTMENTS ARE IN PLACE. NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

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LAOS

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY REPORTEDLY LOCATED WITHIN MUONG SING  
(21-11N 101-10E) INCLUDES 4 INDIVIDUALLY FENCED AREAS CONTAINING  
A TOTAL OF 8 BARRACKS AND 25 MISC BLDGS. A POSSIBLE SMALL ARMS  
FIRING RANGE WAS REPORTED ON THE SW EDGE OF THE TOWN.

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